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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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Applicant(s): T. KAWANO

Serial No. : 09/840,193

Filed : APRIL 23, 2001

For : RADIATION IMAGE PROCESSING
APPARATUS

Art Unit : 2621

Examiner : MILLER, RYAN J.

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RESPONSE- 37 CFR 1.111

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
JUNE 25, 2004, the term for response to which expires on
JULY 25, 2004.

ELECTION

Applicant hereby elects Invention I, claims 1-10 and 30,
drawn to a radiation image processing apparatus and method that
uses contour recognition to extract a feature amount, for further
prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits
now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully
responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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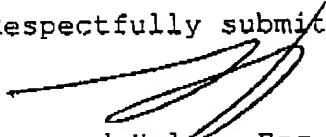
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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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